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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

REF: (A) STATE 100623; (B) SAIGON 6273; (C) STATE 69709

1. MATTER OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE DISCUSSED TODAY (MAY 16) WITH PRESIDENT ICRC EXECUTIVE BOARD ROGER GALLOPIN. DRAWING ON REFTELS B AND C, WE STRESSED USG'S DETERMINATION THAT INVITEES NOT DIFFER FROM THOSE WHO ATTENDED RECENT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE GENEVA.

2. GALLOPIN EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION IN MATTER RECALLING OUR PREVIOUS APPROACHES AS WELL AS THOSE OF GEORGE ALDRICH FOR PURPOSE DISUADING ICRC FROM INVITING PRG. GALLOPIN STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ICRC HAD ALSO RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM CERTAIN OTHER GOVERNMENTS (NOT IDENTIFIED) TO INVITE PRG. "ICRC FOUND ITSELF IN AWKWARD MIDDLE" GALLOPIN SAID.

3. GALLOPIN THEN EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF MATTER BY FULL ICRC ASSEMBLY IT WAS DECIDED THAT ON MAY 17 ICRC WOULD DISPATCH LETTERS OF INVITATION TO WEAPONS CONFERENCE
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TO ALL GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN INVITED TO BIPLOMATIC

CONFERENCE. THE VIEWS OF THESE INVITEES (GOVERNMENTS) WILL BE SOLICITED CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF ALSO INVITING CERTAIN OTHER ENTITIES, I.E., NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

4. FOLLOWING MISSOFF'S REITERATION OF USG'S STRONG FEELINGS IN MATTER GALLOPIN REJOINED THAT ICRC ASSEMBLY'S DECISION WITH RESPECT ICRC'S APPROACH (PARA 3 ABOVE) WAS DEFINITE; HOWEVER, HE CONCEDED THAT ICRC HAS NOT RPT NOT REACHED ANY DECISION CONCERNING INVITATION TO PRG. GALLOPIN SAID VIEWS OF INVITEES (GOVERNMENTS) CONCERNING INVITATIONS TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL BE DULY CONSIDERED BY ICRC BUT THAT IN FINAL ANALYSIS (PROBABLY LATE JULY) ICRC ASSEMBLY WILL MAKE THE HARD DECISION IN MATTER.

5. TEXT OF ICRC INVITATION WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. ABRAMS

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